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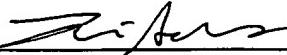
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION PURSUANT TO 35 U.S.C. §1.116**

Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action dated July 25, 2008.

*Amendments to the Claims* begin on page 2 of this paper.

*Remarks* begin on page 6 of this paper.